

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and in order to comport with U.S. practice. In addition, new claims 12-15 have been added. Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-15.

Support for the claim amendments and new claim 12 is found with the claims as originally filed and in the specification. Support for new claims 13-15 is found throughout the specification, such as, for example, at page 19 lines 29-36. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

Early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested, and Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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